

gan letters" would be the nail in Mr. Blaine's coffin, and that he hoped it would, as he felt that the Republican party had held the government too long for the good of mankind. Will you do us the favor to contradict the statement? We are not members of your firm who has expressed himself at all on the subject. And much obliged yours very respectfully,

W. & J. SLOANE.

MR. BLAINE'S MARRIAGE.

THE PLAIN, STRAIGHTFORWARD STORY.

MARRIED PRIVATELY IN KENTUCKY IN JUNE, 1850.—WHY A SECOND CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED.

William Walter Phelps takes the responsibility of giving to the public the following private letter addressed to him nearly two weeks ago:

AUGUSTA, Sept. 6, 1861.

MY DEAR MR. PHLEPS: I have your favor of the 4th, advising me that "the continuous invention and wide circulation of evil reports render it advisable in your judgment not to wait the slow process of the law, but to speak directly to the public in my own vindication." In this opinion many others on whose judgment I rely concur.

I shrink instinctively from the suggestion, although I feel sure I could strengthen the confidence of all who feel friendly to me by bringing to view the simple thread of truth which is concealed in this endless tissue of falsehood. You can imagine how inexpressibly painful it must be to discuss one's domestic life in the press, although I think with you that under the circumstances I could count upon the generosity of the public to justify a statement which otherwise might seem objectionable. I can, in any event, safely commit the facts to you for personal communication to those friends who have taken so delicate and so considerate an interest in my affairs. The leisure hours of to-day, when our campaign is ended and we wait only for the election, give me the opportunity for this prompt reply and for the following essential details.

At Georgetown, Kentucky, in the spring of 1848, when I was but eighteen years of age, I first met the lady who for nearly thirty-four years has been my wife. Our acquaintance resulted, at the end of six months, in an engagement, which, without the prospect of a peaceful marriage, we naturally sought to keep to ourselves. Two years later in the spring of 1850, when I was maturing plans to leave my profession in Kentucky and establish myself elsewhere, I was suddenly summoned to Pennsylvania by the death of my father. It being very doubtful if I could return to Kentucky, I was threatened with an immediate separation from her who possessed my entire devotion. My one wish was to secure her to myself by an indissoluble tie against every possible contingency in life, and, on the 30th day of June, 1850, just prior to my departure from Kentucky, we were, in the presence of chosen and trusted friends, united by what I knew was, in my native State of Pennsylvania, a perfectly legal form of marriage.

On reaching home I found that my family, and especially my beloved mother, strongly disapproved my business plans, as involving too long a separation from home and kindred. I compromised with her, that I should resume, at least for a time, my occupation in Kentucky, whither I returned in the latter part of August.

During the ensuing winter, induced by misgivings under new responsibilities, misgivings which were increased by the fact that my beloved mother had died, a doubt might be thrown upon the validity of our marriage by reason of non-compliance with the law of the State where it had occurred; for I had learned that the laws of Kentucky made it a felony to marry without a license issued by a justice of the peace. The records of the County Court at Lexington show, however, that my marriage was duly registered, and that the marriage was valid.

On the 1st of April, 1851, we were married again, by Captain Howgate, so that the exact state of his accounts may appear in the records of the Department.

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RAVAGES OF THE CHOLERA.

THE DISEASE IN THREE COUNTRIES.

NEARLY 300 DEATHS REPORTED IN NAPLES IN A DAY—THE EPIDEMIC RENEWED IN TOUTON.

NAPLES, Sept. 19.—The epidemic is spreading to the west end of the city. The director of the Incurable Hospital is dead. The workmen of Spezia are now allowed to leave the city to work.

ROME, Sept. 19.—The daily bulletin of the ravages of cholera in Italy gives the following results for the twenty-four hours:

Cas. Difis. Cas. Difis.
Bergamo (Prov.) 29 Salerno (Prov.) 5
Caserta 7 5
Naples 11 10
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MADRID, Sept. 19.—The report of the progress of cholera in Spain for twenty-four hours is as follows:

Cases. Deaths.
Alcalá 6 4
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PARIS, Sept. 19.—The Mayor of Marseilles has received the issue of daily bulletins showing the progress of the cholera in that city and the surrounding country. The four sisters who died at Marseilles yesterday, of cholera, belonged to the ship Le Rossignol, from New Orleans.

TOUTON, Sept. 19.—There has been a renewal of the epidemic. There have been three deaths at Oran, three at Strasbourg, two at Munes, one at Lalaizet and three at Lazarette.

MORE DISPATCHES FROM GORDON.

THE REBELS INCREASING—REPORTED BURNING OF BERRIES—EGYPTIAN FINANCES.

CAIRO, Sept. 19.—Two more telegrams have been received from General Gordon. He complains of the slowness of the authorities in sending the collections, and states that the number of the rebels besieging Khartoum is increasing.

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THE PRELIMINARY SUIT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COMPANY AGAINST THE FORT WAYNE DECIDED.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 19.—Judge Ewing gave a decision this morning in the injunction suit between the Pennsylvania Company and the Fort Wayne Road. It is regarded as victory for the latter corporation. The Pennsylvania company and the Pittsburgh Railroad Company asked an injunction restraining the Pittsburg and Midland and the railroad from proceeding for nearly a month upon the line to October 1. This amounted to \$600,000.

The losses claimed as a reason for the injunction that the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Allegheny Railroad had been fully paid off by the Finance Minister.

LEXINGTON, Sept. 19.—It is asserted that England is going to lend £100,000,000 to pay her bill of exchange on America. The amount is to be used for the construction of irrigation works. Security for this sum is now being arranged for.

EMPEROR WILLIAM AT HOME.

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—The Emperor returned to the German capital from his Polish trip in excellent health. He derived the highest satisfaction from his visit with the Russian and Austrian Emperors and speaks approvingly of the warm reception accorded him. He was safely captivated by the Germans and takes pleasure in their society.

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CONSTITUTION.—Sept. 19.—There is talk that Sark, the Saxon Minister at Washington, will succeed Lord Dufferin as British Ambassador to Paris.

DOUBLES, Sept. 19.—The manager of Limerick has finally resolved not to pay the extra police tax or send a deputation to Earl Spencer, whom they desire to be a tycoon.

REGENTS, Sept. 19.—Count Herbert Bismarck has been promoted to the rank of major.

NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS.

MR. HENDRICKS'S FRIENDS UNEASY.

AN UNREASONABLE OUTCRY AGAINST AN OFFICIAL EXAMINATION IN THE LAND OFFICE.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

ENDING A "LAIR" WITH A RETOLVER.

A STUDENT BROOKING OVER HIS MOTHER'S ILLNESS GOES ON A SPREE AND KILLS HIMSELF.

John F. Keating, age twenty-three, of Charlestown, Mass., a student in the University Medical College, committed suicide at Fifteenth-st. and Sixth-st. yesterday while riding in a cab with a college chum, Joseph F. O'Neil. He was a second course student, and came to this city yesterday to make arrangements for the term, which begins on Wednesday. He engaged rooms at No. 233 East Thirty-second-st., and went to his roommate last year. He then went to the college building in East Twenty-sixth-st., and said to O'Neil: "Come to me, there is no study for you today, you must go around town with me a little." They went first to the Hoffman House and had two small bottles of wine. Then they took a cab and drove to various places around the city, reaching their rooms about 1 o'clock. Keating lay down for a while until O'Neil awoke him.

In the afternoon they went to the Hoffman House again, where they had another bottle of wine, and then walked down to the Hotel Astor. At the Astor, the young man engaged a room, and Keating and his mother's funeral. We got along well in the beginning, and were both in good humor. Entering a couple they started for a drive down town, and when they reached Fifteenth-st. Keating shot himself through the head, inflicting a wound which resulted in his death at the New York Hospital.

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